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## **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION'S WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM APPOINTS NEW MANAGER**

*Jeff Ackermann is Manager of Energy Saving Partners*

**Denver, CO, May 26, 2004** – The Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) announced the appointment of Jeff Ackermann, an industry veteran with more than 23 years of experience in non-profits, low-income, weatherization and energy-related programs, to the position of manager of Energy Saving Partners (ESP), the state weatherization program. His background will allow him to immediately contribute to the program, which has been in existence for over 25 years in Colorado.

In this role, Ackermann will oversee the relationships, production and day-to-day operations of the state weatherization program, including eight local agencies that serve Colorado for weatherization services and a federally funded budget of \$11 million dollars, and over two million dollars in funding from Xcel Energy. He has extensive experience and well-established connections in weatherization, from having previously served as the program director of the Colorado Division of Housing, Residential Energy Conservation Assistance Program. Also, Ackermann was involved in the development of "Windsource," Colorado's first renewable energy product while working at Public Service Company of Colorado, now Xcel Energy, Inc.

"Jeff's extensive experience in weatherization, grant funding and contacts with the state make him a perfect fit to lead the Weatherization program," said Rick Grice, executive director of OEMC. "Weatherization provides a much needed resource to the neediest of Coloradans, by helping make their homes more comfortable, safe and more energy efficient. OEMC is committed to the success of Weatherization as it reduces energy costs, pollution, and helps families save money."

"I'm looking forward to the challenges of this program," said Jeff Ackermann, manager of ESP. "My goal is to continue to build upon the successes this program has accomplished, reinforce the partnerships, and promote home energy efficiency as a way to help low-income families use money typically spent on utilities for other necessities such as food and clothing."

Prior to joining OEMC, Ackermann was at the Daniels Fund as a portfolio manager, where he was responsible for grant funding recommendations. He also worked at Energy Outreach Colorado (formerly Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation) as an advocate of low-income consumers, managed energy conservation grants and oversaw new funding development.

Ackermann holds a bachelor's degree in Economics/Public Policy, from Albion College and a Master of Nonprofit Management, with Honors, from Regis University.

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